CLAIM LISTING

1. (currently amended) A method for authorizing a network request, the request routed <u>through</u> ~~though~~ a network infrastructure to a network device <u>from one of a plurality of authorized and unauthorized venue stations connected to the network infrastructure</u>, comprising:

communicating with the network infrastructure to identify a network address from which the network request originated<u>, the network address being a port address of a hub or router through which a particular one of the plurality of venue stations is connected to the network infrastructure</u>;

<u>accessing policy data, the policy data being electronic data listing a port address and billing information for each authorized venue station</u>;

<u>determining if the identified port address is listed by the policy data;</u> and

accepting the network request <u>and reporting use data</u> only upon a determination that the identified port ~~network~~ address <u>for the particular one of the plurality of venue stations is listed as a port address for an authorized venue station</u> ~~is authorized~~<u>, the use data being based on the billing information for the particular venue station and usable to charge a fee for acting on the network request</u>.

2. (cancelled)

3. (original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the acts of communicating and accepting are performed by the network device.

4. (cancelled)

5. (cancelled)

6. (cancelled)

7. (currently amended) A method for printing comprising:

receiving a print request routed through a network infrastructure, the request being received from one of a plurality of authorized and unauthorized venue stations connected to the network infrastructure;

communicating with the network infrastructure to identify a network address from which the print request originated, the network address being a port address of a hub or router through which a particular one of the plurality of venue stations is connected to the network infrastructure;

accessing policy data, the policy data being electronic data listing a port address and billing information for each authorized venue station;

determining if the identified ~~network~~ port address is listed by the policy data ~~is authorized~~; and

acting upon the print request and reporting use data only if the identified ~~network~~ port address ~~is determined to be authorized~~ for the particular one of the plurality of venue stations is listed as a port address for an authorized venue station, the use data being based on the billing information for the particular venue station and usable to charge a fee for acting on the print request.

8. (cancelled)

9. (original) The method of Claim 7, wherein the acts of receiving, communicating, and determining are all performed by a printing device responsible for acting on the print request.

10. (cancelled)

11. (cancelled)

12. (cancelled)

13. (currently amended) A computer readable medium having instructions for:

receiving a network request routed through a network infrastructure from one of a plurality of authorized and unauthorized venue stations connected to the network infrastructure;

communicating with [[a]] the network infrastructure through which]a network request was routed to identify a network address from which the network request originated, the network address being a port address of a hub or router through which a particular one of the plurality of venue stations is connected to the network infrastructure;

accessing policy data, the policy data being electronic data listing a port address and billing information for each authorized venue station;

determining if the identified port address is listed by the policy data; and

accepting the network request and reporting use data only upon a determination that the identified port network address for the particular one of the plurality of venue stations is listed as a port address for an authorized venue station is authorized, the use data being based on the billing information for the particular venue station and usable to charge a fee for acting on the network request.

14. (cancelled)

15. (cancelled).

16. (cancelled)

17. (cancelled).

18. (currently amended) A computer readable medium having instructions for

receiving a print request routed through a network infrastructure, the request being received from one of a plurality of authorized and unauthorized venue stations connected to the network infrastructure;

communicating with the network infrastructure to identify a network address from which the print request originated, the network address being a port address of a hub or router through which a particular one of the plurality of venue stations is connected to the network infrastructure;

accessing policy data, the policy data being electronic data listing a port address and billing information for each authorized venue station;

determining if the identified ~~network~~ port address is listed by the policy data ~~is authorized~~; and

acting upon the print request and reporting use data only if the identified ~~network~~ port address ~~is determined to be authorized~~ for the particular one of the plurality of venue stations is listed as a port address for an authorized venue station, the use data being based on the billing information for the particular venue station and usable to charge a fee for acting on the print request.

19. (cancelled)

20. (cancelled)

21. (cancelled)

22. (cancelled)

23. (currently amended) A system for authorizing a network request, the request routed ~~though~~ through a network infrastructure to a network device from one of a plurality of authorized and unauthorized venue stations connected to the network infrastructure, comprising:

a source detector operable to communicate with the network infrastructure to identify a network address from which the network request originated, the network address being a port address of a hub or router through which a particular one of the plurality of venue stations is connected to the network infrastructure; and

a request manager operable to:

<u>access policy data, the policy data being electronic data listing a port address and billing information for each authorized venue station;</u>

<u>determine if the identified port address is listed by the policy data; and</u>

<u>accept the network request and report use data only upon a determination that the identified port address for the particular one of the plurality of venue stations is listed as a port address for an authorized venue station, the use data being based on the billing information for the particular venue station and usable to charge a fee for acting on the network request.</u>

~~a request manager operable to accept the network request only upon a determination that the identified network address is authorized.~~

24. (cancelled)

25. (cancelled)

26. (cancelled)

27. (cancelled)

28. (original) The system of Claim 23, wherein the source detector and the request manager are embedded in a network device.

29. (currently amended) A network printing device, comprising:

functional components operable to act on a print request;

a device server operable to receiving a print request routed through a network infrastructure<u>, the print request being received from one of a plurality of authorized and unauthorized venue stations connected to the network infrastructure</u>;

a source detector operable to communicate with the network infrastructure to identify a network address from which the print request originated, the network address being a port address of a hub or router through which a particular one of the plurality of venue stations is connected to the network infrastructure; and

a request manager operable to:

access policy data, the policy data being electronic data listing a port address and billing information for each authorized venue station;

determine if the identified port address is listed by the policy data; and

accept the print request and report use data only upon a determination that the identified port address for the particular one of the plurality of venue stations is listed as a port address for an authorized venue station, the use data being based on the billing information for the particular venue station and usable to charge a fee for acting on the print request.

~~a request manager operable to determine if the identified network address is authorized and to direct the functional components to act upon the print request only if the identified network address is determined to be authorized.~~

30. (cancelled)

31. (cancelled)

32. (cancelled)

33. (currently amended) A system for authorizing a network request, the request routed ~~though~~ through a network infrastructure to a network device from one of a plurality of authorized and unauthorized venue stations connected to the network infrastructure, comprising:

a means for communicating with the network infrastructure to identify a network address from which the network request originated, the network address being a port address of a hub or router through which a particular one of the plurality of venue stations is connected to the network infrastructure

a means for accessing policy data, the policy data being electronic data listing a port address and billing information for each authorized venue station;

a means for determining if the identified port address is listed by the policy data; and

a means for accepting the network request and reporting use data only upon a determination that the identified port ~~network~~ address for the particular one of the plurality of venue stations is listed as a port address for an authorized venue station ~~is authorized~~, the use data being based on the billing information for the particular venue station and usable to charge a fee for acting on the network request.

34. (currently amended) A network printing device, comprising:

functional components operable to act on a print request;

a means for receiving a print request routed through a network infrastructure, the request being received from one of a plurality of authorized and unauthorized venue stations connected to the network infrastructure;

a means for communicating with the network infrastructure to identify a network address from which the print request originated, the network address being a port address of a hub or router through which a particular one of the plurality of venue stations is connected to the network infrastructure;

means for accessing policy data, the policy data being electronic data listing a port address and billing information for each authorized venue station; and

a means for reporting use data and for directing the functional components to act upon the print request only if the identified port address for the particular one of the plurality of venue stations is listed as a port address for an authorized venue station, the use data being based on the billing information for the particular venue station and usable to charge a fee for acting on the print request.

~~a means for determining if the identified network address is authorized and to direct the functional components to act upon the print request only if the identified network address is determined to be authorized.~~